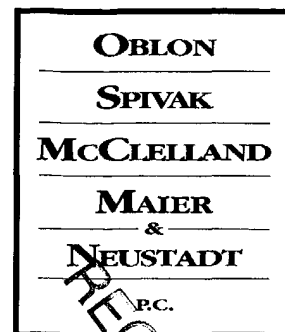




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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ADDRESSED  
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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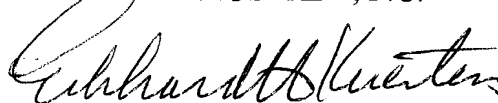
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In response to the Official Action mailed March 14, 2003, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-15, drawn to a method for producing a matrix comprising ligands fixed to a carrier for further examination on the merits in the present application.

Therefore, examination on the merits of Claims 1-15 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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